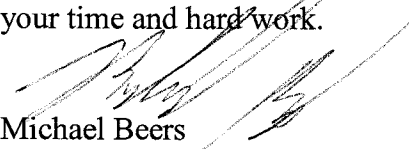


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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee: I believe the Medicaid buy in fills a crack that many Montanans' fall through. I know for myself the question of what will happen to my benefits? Has over shadowed every decision I have made since high school. Not is this the job I want? Will this bring me closer to my goal? Am I qualified for this job? No these are all secondary to the question of what will happen to my benefits. This way of thinking without you meaning it to begin to affect your goals and ambition, you stop reaching for the goals you originally had for yourself or seeking opportunities to advance. Because you know that there is only so much you can earn before you put the benefits you need in Jeopardy.

The Medicaid Buy-in would help bridge the gap between earning too much to qualify for Medicaid and being able to afford private health insurance. Thank you for your time and hard work.



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